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TAGS: PINR, AF  
SUBJECT: PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF AFGHANISTAN COUP  
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1. AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT COUP FF  
WOULD LIKE TO ASCERTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

A. WHAT CAUSED FEW ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS TO JOIN IN PLOTTING TO OVERTHROW MONARCHY? WE ARE NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN REASONS WHY A FEW MAY HAVE DECIDED TO JOIN COUP AT LAST MOMENT, BUT RATHER WHY DID PLOTTING START IN FIRST PLACE (LAST APRIL, ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT)? WERE THESE OFFICERS MOTIVATED BY IDEOLOGICAL CONCERNS, E.G., LACK OF DEMOCRACY, SLOW PACE OF MODERNIZATION UNDER EXISTING SYSTEM; OR WERE THEIR REASONS MORE NARROWLY PERSONAL, SUCH AS LACK OF PROMOTIONS OR DESIRE TO EXERCISE POWER?

B. WHAT WAS DAUD'S RELATIONS TO THOSE WHO EXECUTED THE COUP; DID HE GO TO THEM FOR HELP OR DID THEY SEEK HIS LEADERSHIP?

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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. *L*  
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